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U.S. Appln. No.: 10/591,653)
For: HYALURONIC ACID-)
METHOTREXATE CONJUGATE)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Customer Service Window, Mail Stop Amendment
Honorable Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Randolph Building, 401 Dulany Street
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

Sir:

Prior to examination of the present application,
please amend as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of
claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 18 of this paper.